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Amendments to the Specification:

On Paragraph [0040], insert the following:

-- Figure 1 shows an electrical heating means 8 for regulating the thermal conductivity of the variable heat damping layer 5, a heat generating means 10 for generating heat in the washing container 1, and a program control 12 for regulating the thermal conductivity of the variable heat damping layer 5. --